

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR



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The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles 383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

**Dear Supervisors:** 

### REQUEST TO ACCEPT COMPROMISE OFFER OF SETTLEMENT (ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED - 3 VOTES)

### IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Pursuant to Section 1473 of the Health and Safety Code, authorize acceptance of the compromise offers of settlement from the following individuals who were injured in a third party compensatory accident and who received medical care at a County facility:

Account Number 10828446 in amount of \$1,667.00 Account Number 10895699 in amount of \$24,121.00 Account Number 11089262 in amount of \$5,000.20 Account Number 10833342 in amount of \$5,000.00 Account Number 10833345 in amount of \$4,821.67 Account Number 10958431 in amount of \$24,136.00 Account Number 10846670 in amount of \$14,619.48

#### **JUSTIFICATION:**

The best interest of the County would be served by the approval of this recommendation and the County Counsel concurs.

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### **IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS:**

This action is consistent with the Countywide Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility in pursuing collection of charges owed for County services.

### **FISCAL IMPACT:**

The County will recover partial payment from a third party against debts, otherwise uncollectible due to the limited financial resources of the individuals who received the medical care.

### **PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

The compromise offers of settlement are recommended because the patients, estates, or legally responsible relatives are unable to pay the charges.

Respectfully submitted,

MARK J. SALADINO

Treasurer and Tax Collector

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**Attachments** 

c: Chief Administrative Officer County Counsel

APPROVED RAYMOND G. FORTNER, JR. County Counsel

Frincipal Deputy County Counsel

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 85A DATE: July 20, 2006

Amount of Aid	\$92,030.00	Account Number	10828446
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Female
Balance Due	92,030.00	Service Date	12/15/03 to 01/09/04
Compromise Amount Offered	1,667.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be Written Off	\$90,363.00	Service Type	Inpatient/Outpatient

#### JUSTIFICATION

The client was injured in a slip and fall accident. She was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$92,030.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$5,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 2,000.00	\$1,680.53	33.61%
Attorney Cost	957.28	957.28	19.15%
County of Los Angeles	92,030.00	1,667.00	33.34%
Net to Client	N/A	695.19	13.90%
Total	\$94,987.28	\$5,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and receives support from relatives. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

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TRANSMITTAL NO. 85B DATE: July 20, 2006

		Account	
Amount of Aid	\$94,068.00	Number	10895699
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
		Service	
Balance Due	94,068.00	Date	06/06/04 to 07/29/04
Compromise			
Amount Offered	24,121.00	Facility	Olive View Medical Center
Amount to be		Service	
Written Off	\$69,947.00	Туре	Inpatient/Outpatient

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

The client was involved in an automobile versus bicycle accident. He was treated at Olive View Medical Center at a cost of \$94,068.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$92,678.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

		Proposed	Percent of
Disbursements	Total Claim	Settlement	Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 89,293.50	\$24,483.00	26.42%
Attorney Cost	4,774.82	0.00	0.00%
Miracle Mile Surgery	11,700.00	3,045.00	3.29%
Southland Injury Medical	10,490.00	2,730.00	2.95%
West Coast Clinics	7,413.00	1,929.00	2.08%
Pacific Hospital	6,273.00	1,633.00	1.76%
Pain Care Center	4,500.00	1,171.00	1.26%
Central Diagnostic Imaging	4,400.00	1,145.00	1.24%
MRI Healthcare Center	2,650.00	690.00	0.74%
Nosrat Javidan, M.D.	1,540.00	401.00	0.43%
Serra Community Medical Clinic	677.00	176.00	0.19%
Pacific Emergency	653.00	170.00	0.18%
Los Angeles Fire Department	610.00	159.00	0.17%
Edward Rubin, M.D.	90.00	23.00	0.02%
County of Los Angeles	94,068.00	24,121.00	26.03%
Net to Client	N/A	30,802.00	33.24%
Total	\$239,132.32	\$92,678.00	100.00%

Our financial statement reveals that the client is unemployed and living with his adult daughter. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 85C DATE: July 20, 2006

		Account	
Amount of Aid	\$50,985.00	Number	11089262
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Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Female
		Service	
Balance Due	50,985.00	Date	11/08/05 to 01/09/06
Compromise			
Amount Offered	5,000.20	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be		Service	
Written Off	\$45,984.80	Туре	Inpatient/Outpatient

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$50,985.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 4,995.00	33.30%
Attorney Cost	2,000.00	810.00	5.40%
Bob's Rexall Drug	77.67	23.01	0.15%
Long Beach Fire Department	953.78	953.78	6.36%
Long Beach Pathology Department	56.75	28.01	0.19%
County of Los Angeles	50,985.00	5,000.20	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	3,190.00	21.27%
Total	\$60,073.20	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client supports herself with a marginal income. She has no other source of income or tangible assets.

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 85D DATE: July 20, 2006

		Account	
Amount of Aid	\$44,024.00	Number	10833342
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
		Service	
Balance Due	44,024.00	Date	04/22/04 to 05/19/04
Compromise			
Amount Offered	5,000.00	Facility	LAC USC Medical Center
Amount to be		Service	
Written Off	\$39,024.00	Туре	Inpatient/Outpatient

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

The client was involved in an automobile versus pedestrian accident. He was treated at LAC USC Medical Center at a cost of \$44,024.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	33.33%
Attorney Cost	450.00	450.00	3.00%
County of Los Angeles	44,024.00	5,000.00	33.33%
Net to Client	N/A	4,550.00	30.34%
Total	\$49,474.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial statement reveals that the client is unemployed and homeless. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

### COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 85E DATE: July 20, 2006

		Account	
Amount of Aid	\$221,852.00	Number	10833345
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Male
		Service	
Balance Due	221,852.00	Date	11/25/03 to 03/22/04
Compromise			LAC USC/ Harbor UCLA
Amount Offered	4,821.67	Facility	Medical Center
Amount to be		Service	
Written Off	\$217,030.33	Туре	Inpatient/Outpatient

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at LAC USC/ Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$221,852.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$15,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,821.66	32.15%
Attorney Cost	535.00	535.00	3.57%
County of Los Angeles	221,852.00	4,821.67	32.14%
Net to Client	N/A	4,821.67	32.14%
Total	\$227,387.00	\$15,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and is living at the New Directions, Rehabilitation Center. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.

# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR

TRANSMITTAL NO. 85F DATE: July 20, 2006

		Account	
Amount of Aid	\$49,482.00	Number	10958431
Amount Paid	0.00	Name	Adult Female
		Service	
Balance Due	49,482.00	Date	01/15/05 to 03/16/05
Compromise			
Amount Offered	24,136.00	Facility	Harbor UCLA Medical Center
Amount to be		Service	
Written Off	\$25,346.00	Туре	Inpatient/Outpatient

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. She was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$49,482.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$100,000.00 and proposes the following disbursement:

Disbursements	Total Claim	Proposed Settlement	Percent of Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$ 33,333.33	\$ 33,333.33	33.33%
Attorney Cost	394.00	394.00	0.40%
Jon B. Greenfield, M.D.	1,772.00	863.33	0.87%
Beverly Hills Imaging	3,556.00	1,733.33	1.73%
Sungmo Medical Group	1,080.00	526.67	0.53%
H. Ronald Fisk, M.D.	1,050.00	513.33	0.51%
Knee & Spine Hospital	6,463.09	3,153.34	3.15%
Kwang Soo Park Dental	4,129.56	2,013.33	2.01%
County of Los Angeles	49,482.00	24,136.00	24.14%
Net to Client	N/A	33,333.34	33.33%
Total	\$101,259.98	\$100,000.00	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client was a visitor from South Korea at the time of the accident, and has since returned.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 85G

Inpatient/Outpatient

DATE: July 20, 2006

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Amount to be

Written Off

Account Amount of Aid Number \$57,994.00 10846670 0.00 Name **Amount Paid** Adult Male Service Balance Due 57,994.00 Date 04/26/04 to 07/08/04 Compromise Amount Offered 14,619.48 Facility Harbor UCLA Medical Center

#### **JUSTIFICATION**

Type

\$43,374.52

Service

The client was involved in an automobile versus automobile accident. He was treated at Harbor UCLA Medical Center at a cost of \$57,994.00. There is no Medi-Cal or private insurance involvement.

The attorney has settled the case for the amount of \$44,197.50 and proposes the following disbursement:

		Proposed	Percent of
Disbursements	Total Claim	Settlement	Settlement
Attorney Fees	\$14,619.47	\$14,619.47	33.08%
Attorney Cost	339.07	339.07	0.76%
County of Los Angeles	57,994.00	14,619.48	33.08%
Net to Client	N/A	14,619.48	33.08%
Total	\$72,952.54	\$44,197.50	100.00%

Our financial investigation reveals that the client is unemployed and is supported by his parents. He has no other source of income or tangible assets.